# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-01

*Resolution to support the efforts of the Northwestern State University faculty, staff, and administration in preparing for the fall 2020 semester.*

**August 17, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators S. DOUGLAS & C. SANDERS*

**WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 pandemic greatly impacted the academic and student services of Northwestern State University in the spring semester of 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** our faculty, staff, and administration strove to overcome these challenges to deliver virtual classroom instruction and student support to complete the spring and summer semesters; and

**WHEREAS,** great effort from faculty, staff, and administration has additionally been given to ensure a safe return to campus by students for the fall 2020 semester; and

**WHEREAS,** these efforts are vital to the success of a safe and enriching student experience and would not be possible without the dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators of our beloved university;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association express our sincere appreciation to our university faculty, staff, and administration for all of their dedicated work in ensuring the safe return to campus for the fall 2020 semester;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages each and every student to adhere to the policies and guidelines set forth by the university in order to promote the health and safety of the student body and greater university community in order to protect each other and our loved ones, to help contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to preserve the safety of the campus for face-to-face academic instruction and student activities.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM**
**DATE:** *August 17, 2020*

Mr. Speaker,

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For the meeting to take place on 08 / 17 / 20.

By order of the Student Body President,

NR Hopkins

**Nicholas R. Hopkins**
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**R. F. 2020-02**

*Resolution to support student athletes during the fall 2020 semester.*

**August 17, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators K. SEMIEN & J. MATHEWS*

**WHEREAS,** after careful consideration of the health and safety of student athletes, coaches, all athletic staff, and fans, the decision was made by the Southland Conference, the collegiate athletic conference of which Northwestern State University is a member, to postpone all fall sports to the spring; and

**WHEREAS,** all Northwestern State athletes, coaches, and athletic staff scheduled to compete in fall sports spent many months devoting immense amounts of time and energy toward, and anxiously anticipating their fall seasons; and

**WHEREAS,** all of our athletic programs proudly represent and compete for Northwestern State University, and fill the hearts of the NSU student body and community with pride in our winning traditions and successes of our fellow Demons on the athletic field or court;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association invites the student body to join us in showing our fellow Demons, whose fall sports have been postponed, our unwavering support and admiration for all of the hard work and dedication that they put into the sports they play for the university they so honorably represent;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA commends all student athletes, coaches, and athletic staff for their dedication to their respective sports, their leadership to the NSU student body, and their pride in representing NSU during competition; even in adverse situations such as the current postponement of fall sports.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM**
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By order of the Student Body President,

N R Hopkins

**Nicholas R. Hopkins**
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-03

*To congratulate TRiO Student Support Services at Northwestern State University on receiving a five-year Title IV grant from the U.S. Department of Education*

**August 24, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators J. BROADWAY, & D. NIXON*

**WHEREAS,** TRiO Student Support Services provides first-generation, low income, and students with disabilities with intensive services and other assistance systems designed to maximize these students' chances at success in college; and

**WHEREAS,** TRiO Student Support Services participants graduate at a rate of 61% which is one third higher than NSU's overall graduation rate; and

**WHEREAS,** the TRiO Student Support Services program at Northwestern State University received a five year Title IV grant from the U.S. Department of Education for $2,340,000 to support their mission;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association invites all members of the NSU community to join us in warmly congratulating our TRiO Student Support Services program on being selected as recipients of this federal grant;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages students that qualify for the TRiO Student Support Services program to take advantage of these services that are offered to them.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM**
**DATE:** *September 14, 2020*

Mr. Speaker,

Please place the following legislation on emergency status:

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By order of the Student Body President,

**Nicholas R. Hopkins**
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-04

*to express our condolences to McNeese State University faculty, staff, administration, and students, as well as the Lake Charles community, for the destruction caused by Hurricane Laura*

**September 14, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators L. BRISCOE, L. BROOKS, & K. SEMIEN*

**WHEREAS,** on August 27th, 2020, Hurricane Laura made landfall in Southwest Louisiana as a category 4 hurricane, causing widespread damage to Lake Charles and surrounding communities in Texas and Lousiana; and

**WHEREAS,** McNeese State University, a member of the University of Louisiana System, was hit by Hurricane Laura with a large-scale amount of devastation; and

**WHEREAS,** many of those within the McNeese State and Lake Charles communities have been without power and water since Hurricane Laura's arrival; and

**WHEREAS,** many residents have lost not only their homes and posessesions, but their lives from this cataclysmic natural disaster and its aftermath;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** the Northwestern State University Student Government Association extend our sincerest condolences to McNeese State University, their students, and our fellow Louisianans in Lake Charles and the surrounding areas.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU Student Body stands with McNeese State in these troubling times and stands ready to help fellow Louisianans however we can.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM**
**DATE:** *September 21, 2020*

Mr. Speaker,

Please place the following legislation on emergency status:

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By order of the Student Body President,

N R Hopkins

**Nicholas R. Hopkins**
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-06

*to express grief at the death of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and to express admiration for the life of service she lived for the American people.*

**September 21, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators S. DOUGLAS, M. MELANCON, & J. BROADWAY*

**WHEREAS,** Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a respected jurist, law professor, and member of the United States Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS,** Justice Ginsburg is greatly admired by and serves as an inspiration to many across our nation and world for her advocacy and work for the advancement of civil rights, gender equality, and women's rights; and

**WHEREAS,** Justice Ginsburg passed away on Friday, September 18, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** her passing has been significantly felt by many who identify as members of marginalized groups and others across the globe; and

**WHEREAS,** she will be honored as the first woman in our nation's history to lie in state in the United States Capitol Building;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association expresses our grief at the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and our appreciation for her work in the area of law.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages all students to honor the legacy of Justice Ginsburg by engaging in the civic process by registering to vote, participating in elections, engaging in service to others, learning more about our system of government, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion for all.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**R. F. 2020-07**

*to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.*

**October 12, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators A. PARHAM, & S. MORO*

**WHEREAS,** the Northwestern State University Student Government Association wishes to honor the Indigenous Peoples' of the Natchitoches area and beyond; and

**WHEREAS,** many states and cities across the United States celebrate First Nations People on the second Monday of October; and

**WHEREAS,** last year marked the first time Louisiana observed Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

**WHEREAS,** the NSU SGA wishes to continue this recognition;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages all members of the NSU community to celebrate and recognize the history, culture, and heritage of the Indigenous Peoples of our area, state, and our nation.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages the University to continue to celebrate the Indigenous Peoples of this area and find ways to ensure that their story is told, their culture respected, their history honored, and their people recognized as a still vibrant and living group whose existence continues to add beauty and richness to our heritage.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**R. F. 2020-08**

*to reaffirm that Black Lives Matter*

**October 19, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators L. BROOKS & A. ENGRAM*

**WHEREAS,** the Northwestern State University Student Government Association wishes to reiterate and reaffirm that Black Lives Matter; and

**WHEREAS,** Black Lives Matter is a political and social movement advocating for non-violent protests against incidents of police brutality and all racially motivated violence against Black people; and

**WHEREAS,** we recognize that all lives are valuable; however, we cannot acknowledge that all lives matter until we address the structural disadvantages and covert and overt racism that affects Black students and other students of color; and

**WHEREAS,** the NSU SGA wishes to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages all members of the NSU community to affirm that Black Lives Matter.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA condemns the use of hate speech and racial slurs in its aim to help provide all students with an equal, safe, and inclusive college experience.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-09

*to encourage students to partake in early voting, and to ask professors for flexibility and understanding for those students who must travel to vote.*

**October 19, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators T. DIXON & C. DONALDSON*

**WHEREAS,** many students may have to travel in order to participate in the 2020 election; and

**WHEREAS,** it is anticipated for there to be long lines at polling and early voting locations; and

**WHEREAS,** the university is unable to cancel classes for students to vote on Election Day due to Hurricanes Sally and Laura; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northwestern State University Student Government Association wishes for students to be able to vote with as little difficulty as possible;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA respectfully requests that professors please be flexible with students who must travel to vote in this election.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages students to participate in early voting at times that will not interfere with their academic obligations if at all possible.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-10

*to honor the life and legacy of John Lewis and encourage students to vote.*

**October 19, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators D. NIXON & J. BROADWAY*

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable John Lewis was an American statesman and civil rights leader who served in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 until his death in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, John Lewis was one of the "Big Six" leaders of groups who organized the 1963 March on Washington and fulfilled many key roles in the Civil Rights Movement and its actions to end legalized racial segregation in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965, Lewis led, with other non-violent activists, the first of three Selma to Montgomery marches to demonstrate the desire of African-American citizens to exercise their constitutional right to vote, in defiance of segregationist repression, across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and in an incident which became known as "Bloody Sunday," state troopers and police attacked the marchers, including John Lewis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern State University Student Government Association wishes to honor the life and legacy of Representative John Lewis and his efforts to ensure that all Americans who have the right to vote may do so;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA highly encourages all members of the Student Body to participate in the democratic process by voting in the November 3rd election.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA will continue to share information, host events and other virtual programs and initiatives to further encourage voting among the NSU community.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM**
**DATE:** *October 19, 2020*

Mr. Speaker,

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By order of the Student Body President,

**Nicholas R. Hopkins**
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-12

*to congratulate Northwestern State's Alpha Lambda Delta chapter on winning a national award.*

**October 23, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators S. DOUGLAS & P. HARVILLE*

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes students' academic success during their first year at a college or university. Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta has over a million lifetime members and is present on over 280 campuses nationwide; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha Lambda Delta's mission is to "encourage superior academic achievement, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society." and

**WHEREAS,** Northwestern State University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society for First-Year Success has been awarded the Maintaining the Flame Award for activities during the 2019-20 academic year; and

**WHEREAS,** This award highlights continued excellence in programming, internal communications, campus visibility and overall presentation of their chapter; and

**WHEREAS,** Northwestern State University was one of five university chapters recognized for this award; additional universities are Converse College, Dickinson College, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), University of Oklahoma and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association invites all members of the NSU community to join us in warmly congratulating the Alpha Lambda Delta chapter of NSU.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages students to strive for excellence in their academics and to participate in ALD events.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-13

*to support the family and friends that mourn the loss of fellow NSU student Wyatt Ricks.*

**November 30, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators J. MATHEWS, C. SANDERS, J. RASOULIYAN & K. BURNS*

**WHEREAS,** Wyatt Ricks, a freshman Criminal Justice major at Northwestern State University tragically lost his life on November 27th, 2020 in a car accident; and

**WHEREAS,** he was a member of the Mu Kappa chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and a proud member of the NSU Demon Family; and

**WHEREAS,** he was loved by all of his family and friends here at Northwestern State University, who were impacted greatly during his short time here;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the NSU Student Government Association asks the Demon Family to join us in sending our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Wyatt Ricks and remember the genuineness, positivity, and happiness that he showed to all.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-05

*to discourage student groups from practicing hazing during membership processes.*

**September 14, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators K. BURNS & A. ENGRAM*

**WHEREAS,** September 20, 2020 marks the first day of National Hazing Prevention Week; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1838 there have been over 200 student deaths associated with hazing; and

**WHEREAS,** the practice of hazing, where physical or psychological harm is inflicted on students as part of membership in any group, has absolutely no place at Northwestern State University or at American colleges and universities;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Student Government Association reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that no organization at Northwestern State University shall permit the practice of hazing, and that we condemn the use of hazing in any stage of membership in any organization or group not only at this university, but at all colleges and universities.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-09

*to encourage students to partake in early voting, and to ask professors for flexibility and understanding for those students who must travel to vote.*

**October 19, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators T. DIXON & C. DONALDSON*

**WHEREAS,** many students may have to travel in order to participate in the 2020 election; and

**WHEREAS,** it is anticipated for there to be long lines at polling and early voting locations; and

**WHEREAS,** the university is unable to cancel classes for students to vote on Election Day due to Hurricanes Sally and Laura; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northwestern State University Student Government Association wishes for students to be able to vote with as little difficulty as possible;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA respectfully requests that professors please be flexible with students who must travel to vote in this election.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA encourages students to participate in early voting at times that will not interfere with their academic obligations if at all possible.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM**
**DATE:** *October 19, 2020*

Mr. Speaker,

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By order of the Student Body President,

**Nicholas R. Hopkins**
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## R. F. 2020-11

*to congratulate NSU's College of Education and Human Development earning an A in teacher prep classroom management.*

**October 26, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators S. DOUGLAS, & L. BRISCOE*

**WHEREAS,** Northwestern State University's undergraduate elementary teacher preparation program has been named among the top in the country by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ), a non-partisan not-for-profit research and policy organization, for strong training in classroom management strategies; and

**WHEREAS,** Northwestern State's undergraduate program is among only 14 percent of elementary programs that earn an A and serves as a model of excellence for others; and

**WHEREAS,** top-performing programs are recognized for requiring their aspiring elementary teachers to participate in student teaching during residency;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the Northwestern State University Student Government Association invites all members of the NSU community to join us in congratulating our College of Education on this outstanding achievement.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**R. F. 2020-14**

*to congratulate Steve Kauf on his retirement from university dining services*

**November 30, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators S. DOUGLAS, & C. DONALDSON*

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Steve Kauf has served as the General Manager of Northwestern State University Dining Services for the past ten years; and

**WHEREAS,** he will be retiring after over 25 years in the college dining industry; and

**WHEREAS,** managing university dining services can often be a challenging and thankless role on a college campus; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Kauf has always been gracious, accommodating, and accessible when working with student organizations and the Student Body of NSU;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the NSU Student Government Association thank Mr. Steve Kauf for his service to the students of Northwestern State University and wish him a very happy and joyous retirement.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**SB. F. 2020-03**

*to restructure the Media Board as the Student Media Advisory Board to provide better oversight and guidance for student media at Northwestern State University*

**October 26, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators J. BROADWAY, & C. DONALDSON*

**WHEREAS,** the guidelines for student media at Northwestern State University are under the oversight of the Student Government Association; and

**WHEREAS,** the NSU SGA wishes for student media to operate under the highest possible professional standards; and

**WHEREAS,** the NSU SGA has established a Media Board to oversee student media to better allow independence of student media apart from the SGA; and

**WHEREAS,** the Media Board was restructured in 2018 to allow for greater oversight and guidance of student media; and

**WHEREAS,** the Media Board has failed to operate as intended by the NSU SGA by merely continuing to only recommend editors and managers of student media;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the NSU SGA amend the Media Board Guidelines by renaming the board as the Student Media Advisory Board, adjusting the composition of the board, and more clearly defining the role and duties of the board to serve as a mechanism for ensuring that student media operates under the highest professional standards.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the new guidelines for the Student Media Advisory Board are as follows:

***STUDENT MEDIA ADVISORY BOARD GUIDELINES***

***SECTION 1- PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY OF THE STUDENT MEDIA ADVISORY BOARD***

*The Media Board of Northwestern State University shall serve as the advisory and selection committee for all Student Media. It shall in no way act as a censoring agent, unless otherwise specified in this document.*

***SECTION 2- STUDENT MEDIA ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP***

***A.*** *Members of the Student Media Advisory Board will consist of the following:*

1. *Chair:*
    - ***a.*** *Department Head for New Media, Journalism, and Communication Arts.*
    - ***b.*** *The chair shall vote only to break a tie.*
2. *Vice Chair:*
    - ***a.*** *The Vice President for the Student Experience or designee*
3. *General Members:*
    - ***a.*** *SGA Treasurer.*
    - ***b.*** *SGA Commissioner of External Affairs.*
    - ***c.*** *Student appointed by the Student Body President.*
    - ***d.*** *Two faculty/staff members selected by the Department Head of New Media, Journalism, and Communication Arts (cannot be advisor to any student media).*

e. *One faculty/staff member selected by the Department Head of English, Foreign Languages, and Cultural Studies (cannot be advisor to any student media).*

4. *Advisory Members:*
   a. *Two members selected by the Student Media Advisory Board Chair from the media and communication industry.*
   b. *These members may be alumni, unaffiliated with the university, current professionals, former professionals, or retired.*
5. *Non-voting ex-officio members:*
   a. *Any advisor to student media.*
   b. *Department Head of English, Foreign Languages, and Cultural Studies.*
6. *Members shall be appointed each academic year.*

***SECTION 3-MEETINGS***

A. *Meetings shall be held at least twice per fall and spring semester.*
B. *The Student Media Advisory Board may set meeting dates at their first meeting of the academic year.*
C. *The Student Media Advisory Board Chair may call a meeting of the Media Board with at least 48 hours' notice.*
D. *Quorum shall be 2/3 of the Student Media Advisory Board membership, excluding ex-officio members.*
E. *Decisions of the Student Media Advisory Board shall be decided by a majority vote unless otherwise specified.*
F. *Voting shall be conducted in executive session when recommending editors-in-chief and managers of student publications and the radio station.*
G. *Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.*
H. *The Student Media Advisory Board Chair shall select a member to take minutes at each meeting of the Media Board. These minutes shall be shared with the SGA Secretary to be electronically filed.*

***SECTION 4- POWERS AND DUTIES***

*The powers of the Student Media Advisory Board shall be as follows:*

1. *To recommend the advisor of each publication and the radio station to the respective academic department head.*
2. *To recommend all editors-in-chief and managers of student publications and the radio station according to the guidelines mentioned herein to the SGA Student Senate for approval by majority vote.*
3. *To provide a forum for issues related to policies and content concerning student media.*
4. *To make suitable recommendations to University Administration and/or the Student Government Association regarding student media.*
5. *To review budgets, policies, operations, and to ensure the highest professional standards and best practices in student media.*
6. *To approve policies concerning student media.*
7. *To provide guidance and feedback to the advisors of student media and all editors, managers, and student staff.*

***SECTION 5- STUDENT MEDIA COORDINATOR***

A. *The Student Media Advisory Board may establish a Student Media Coordinator position to be funded from each respective Student Media budget that the individual appointed will advise.*
B. *The duties of the Student Media Coordinator shall be to:*
   1. *Advise the student newspaper, yearbook, and radio station*
   2. *Manage budgets, contracts, legal, personnel, recruiting, marketing, scholarships, event planning, professional and personal development for student staff, curriculum advising, and collaboration with departmental and university faculty and staff*

3. *Ensure professional standards and best practices in student media*

C. *The Student Media Coordinator shall report to the Department Head for New Media, Journalism, and Communication Arts.*

***SECTION 6- ARGUS ADVISOR***

A. *The duties of the Argus Advisor shall be to:*
   1. *Advise the student literary magazine.*
   2. *Manage budgets, contracts, legal, personnel, recruiting, marketing, scholarships, event planning, professional and personal development for student staff, curriculum advising, and collaboration with departmental and university faculty and staff.*
   3. *Ensure professional standards and best practices in student media.*

B. *The Argus Advisor shall report to the Department Head of English, Foreign Languages and Cultural Studies.*

***SECTION 7- STUDENT MEDIA***

A. *The official Student Media of Northwestern State University shall be as follows:*
   1. *The official Student Newspaper shall be The Current Sauce.*
   2. *The official Student Yearbook shall be The Potpourri.*
   3. *The official Student Literary Magazine shall be The Argus.*
   4. *The official Student Radio Station shall be KNWD-FM.*

B. *The Student Media will receive their funding as a Student Self-Assessed Fee through the Student Government Association.*

C. *Responsibilities of the Student Media Editors-in-Chief and the General Manager shall be:*
   1. *The Editors-in-Chief and the General Manager will be responsible for maintaining publications, and broadcast, respectively, of the best quality in all possible outlets.*
   2. *Editors-in Chief and the General Manager will be responsible to adhering to the guidelines set in these Media Board Guidelines and current industry professional standards.*
   3. *In the Current Sauce, Potpourri, and KNWD, Editors-in-Chief and the General Manager are responsible for ensuring campus news, sports, and student life are included in content.*
   4. *The Editor-in-Chief of Argus is responsible for sharing the creative output of the entire student community in a professional venue. Publications will feature written and visual art across multiple genres.*
   5. *Editors-in-Chief and General Manager must consult with the student media advisor, faculty, and/or other media professionals to review post-publication the content and quality.*
   6. *Editors-in-Chief and General Manager may recommend only, not approve, each semester students to receive scholarships.*
   7. *Editors-in-Chief and General Manager must prepare a proposed budget for review by the student media advisor to be presented to the Student Government Association and Student Media Advisory Board.*

***SECTION 8- QUALIFICATIONS***

A. *An applicant for position of Editor-in-Chief or General Manager of any Student Media must:*
   1. *Be a full-time undergraduate student at Northwestern State University at the time of application and be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate throughout the student's term.*
   2. *Have a 2.5 cumulative GPA at the time of application and earn a 2.0 GPA each semester during his or her term.*
   3. *Be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University at the time of application and maintain that standing throughout the student's term.*
   4. *Have completed at least 45 credit hours as determined by the Office of the Registrar.*

5. *Not serve, at the same time of the student's term as Editor-in-Chief or General Manager, in any other position at this University that receives a scholarship from Student Association Fees.*
6. *File a list of names at the time of application of proposed staff members. The Student Media Advisory Board shall determine whether each candidate is qualified to serve in the position based upon a recommendation of the student media advisor.*
7. *Not serve on the Executive Board of the Student Government Association while acting as Editor-in-Chief or General Manager.*

**B.** *The applicant for position of Current Sauce Editor-in-Chief must meet the following requirements:*

1. *Applicant must have completed an approved writing for mass media course and an approved editing course before the applicant's term as editor. The applicant must have also taken an approved communications law course or enroll in and pass the course during the Fall semester of the applicant's term with a grade of "C" or better. The applicant is subject to removal if the applicant drops or earns less than a grade of "C" in the course during the term of service. Permission may be obtained to apply from the Department Head of New Media, Journalism, and Communication Arts.*

**C.** *The applicant for position of Argus Editor-in-Chief must meet the following requirements:*

1. *Applicant must have completed at least six hours in upper level (3000 or above) English courses with a 3.0 GPA in English or have graduate student standing, as determined by the Registrar. Permission may be obtained to apply from the Department Head of English, Foreign Languages, and Cultural Studies if any of these requirements have not been met.*

**D.** *The applicant for position of KNWD-FM General Manager must meet the following requirements:*

1. *Applicant must have completed an approved communications practicum in the radio area; approved radio production course and an approved communication law course as determined by the Registrar or enroll in and pass the course during the Fall semester of the applicant's term with a grade of "C" or better. The applicant is subject to removal if the applicant drops or earns less than a grade of "C" in the course during the term of service. Permission may be obtained to apply from the Department Head of New Media, Journalism, and Communication Arts if any of these requirements have not been met.*

**E.** *An Editor-in-Chief or General Manager will be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Student Media Advisory Board if the student fails to meet the requirements set by the Student Media Advisory Board Guidelines or the University.*

**F.** *If the Senate rejects a recommendation, from the Student Media Advisory Board, for Editor-in-Chief or General Manager, the Student Media Advisory Board may recommend to the Senate the individual who best fulfills the qualifications.*

***SECTION 9- SCHOLARSHIPS***

**A.** *The Potpourri Editor-in-Chief, the Current Sauce Editor-in-Chief, the KNWD-FM General Manager, and the Argus Editor shall receive a scholarship not to exceed the cost of up to 12 hours of tuition plus a $3,000 stipend each fall and spring.*

**B.** *The Potpourri shall receive no more than $34,000 in scholarships annually including the scholarship of the Editor-in-Chief.*

**C.** *The Current Sauce shall receive no more than $34,000 in scholarships annually, including that of the Editor-in-Chief.*

**D.** *KNWD-FM shall receive no more than $34,000 annually including that of the General Manager.*

**E.** *The Argus shall receive no more than $15,000 annually including that of the Editor.*

**F.** *No individual student staff member of Current Sauce, Potpourri, or KNWD-FM can receive more or equal funding than that of the General Managers or Editors-in-Chiefs in their respective department.*

**G.** *The student media advisor must approve the staff scholarship amounts each semester.*

**H.** *If for any reason an editor or manager is unable to complete his or his term, the scholarship recipient will refund the scholarship for said semester that the position is vacated if so specified by a two-thirds vote of the Student Government Association Senate.*

***SECTION 10-BUDGETS***

**A.** *The Editors-in-Chief and General Manager of the radio station, in conjunction with the student media advisor, shall submit an expense report/budget to Fiscal Affairs at the beginning of each semester when said budget will take effect.*

**B.** *The Student Media Advisory Board shall work with the Student Government Association and/or the Department of Fiscal Affairs when any student media budget is being reviewed or questioned.*

***SECTION 11- CENSORSHIP***

*No individual, except the Editor-in-Chief of the publication or the General Manager of the radio station, shall be allowed to censor any student media, as long as each publication or broadcast adheres to all Federal laws and regulations that govern such media and meets professional standards and best practices of student media as determined by the Media Board and student media advisors.*

***SECTION 12- TERMS OF OFFICE***

*The selected Editors-in-Chief and General Manager of the radio station shall serve a term of one (1) year from the day of spring graduation until the following spring graduation.*

***SECTION 13- AMENDMENTS***

*These guidelines shall be amended in the same manner as the Student Government Association Bylaws as outlined in the Student Government Association Constitution.*

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

**FRANCES WATKINS CONINE**
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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**SB. F. 2020-04**

*to name the stage on Iberville Green the Seven Oaks Stage to honor the first Black students at Northwestern State University*

**November 30, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators K. SEMIEN, & T. DIXON*

**WHEREAS,** Northwestern State University of Louisiana was established in 1884 as the Louisiana State Normal School for the education and training of teachers; and

**WHEREAS,** this institution, like many public institutions of higher education in the United States at this time, was segregated by race; and

**WHEREAS,** NSU remained segregated until the spring semester of 1965, when seven plaintiffs sued for admission into the university; and

**WHEREAS,** these seven plaintiffs became the first Black students enrolled at NSU and began the integration of the University; and

**WHEREAS,** by the spring of 1966 there were over 100 Black students in attendance at NSU; and

**WHEREAS,** this part of NSU's history should be celebrated as integral to our University's heritage and these first seven students honored for their bravery and perseverance;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the first seven Black students of NSU, documented as: Steve Jackson, June Cofield, Doris Ann Roque-Robinson, Hynes J. Baptiste, James Johnson, Johnnye Britton-Paige, and Pearl Jones-Burton, be known collectively as "The Seven Oaks" for their role as pioneers in the expansion of civil rights and for planting the seed of equality and inclusion that has allowed NSU to grow and become the diverse institution we are today.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Student Government Association respectfully requests approval from the University Administration, the University Naming Committee, and the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors that the stage located on the area of campus known as "Iberville Green" be named "The Seven Oaks Stage" to honor the first Black students of NSU and to better ensure that this part of our University history is made known to the campus community.

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that upon approval of the naming of the stage, the Student Government Association will purchase and provide a plaque bearing the name of the stage and the history of desegregation of NSU that will be unveiled at an appropriate ceremony.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM**
**DATE:** *October 26, 2020*

Mr. Speaker,

Please place the following legislation on emergency status:

| LEGISLATION | | | |
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| SB | F | 2020 | 01 |
| **LEGISLATION TYPE** | **SEMESTER** | **YEAR** | **NUMBER** |

For the meeting to take place on 10 / 26 / 2020 .

By order of the Student Body President,

**Nicholas R. Hopkins**
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**SB. F. 2020-01**

*to allot more funding for SGA Grants due to COVID-19 travel restriction limits on Organizational Relief funding*

**October 26, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators L. BROOKS, & L. BRISCOE*

**WHEREAS,** travel for students, faculty, and staff are currently limited due to travel restrictions for government agencies for the state of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS,** the funds paid for by students into the Organizational Relief Fund fee are used primarily for travel; and

**WHEREAS,** funding for SGA Grants is allocated from this fee; and

**WHEREAS,** the Northwestern State University Student Government Association wishes for this fee to be utilized;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the SGA Grant Guidelines be amended as follows to allow for better use of Organizational Relief Fund fees during these travel restrictions:

***STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION GRANTS***

***SECTION 2- GUIDELINES***

***A.*** *Funding for the SGA Grant Program shall come from the Organizational Relief Fund budget and shall not exceed more than $45,000 per academic year. The SGA Senate shall approve the SGA Grant budget each academic year. The allocated amount shall be submitted to the Senate by the SGA President and Treasurer.*

***SECTION 3- ELIGIBILITY & FUNDING***

***A.*** *Only Recognized Student Organizations in good standing and University Departments shall be given consideration for funding.*

***B.*** *Grant awards cannot exceed $5,000 and may only be awarded once per academic year to each applicant.*

***C.*** *Multiple applicants may partner and apply for $5,000 each for one project.*

***D.*** *Only projects that are educational, service oriented, or offer improvements to the Northwestern State University campus will be considered for funding.*

***E.*** *Any campus improvement projects must first gain approval from the appropriate members of the University administration prior to applying. Those without permission will not be considered.*

***F.*** *Reimbursements and funding shall be subject to University purchasing regulations, policies, and practices.*

**THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Section 2, A. of the SGA Grant Guidelines shall revert back to the original amount of $20,000 per academic year once the travel restrictions for University travel are lifted and will be instituted for the following academic year.

**NICHOLAS R. HOPKINS**
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**EMERGENCY STATUS MEMORANDUM**
**DATE:** *October 26, 2020*

Mr. Speaker,

Please place the following legislation on emergency status:

| LEGISLATION | | | |
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| SB | F | 2020 | 02 |
| **LEGISLATION TYPE** | **SEMESTER** | **YEAR** | **NUMBER** |

For the meeting to take place on 10 / 26 / 2020 .

By order of the Student Body President,

**Nicholas R. Hopkins**
Northwestern State University
Student Body President

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**SB. F. 2020-02**

*to amend the minimum number of student members of the Northwestern State University Leesville/Fort Polk Campus Council*

**October 26, 2020**

*Sponsored by Senators K. BURNS, & K. SEMIEN*

**WHEREAS,** the Northwestern State University Student Government Association established the Northwestern State University Leesville/Fort Polk Campus Council in 2020 to provide for a better outlet for students on that campus to provide programming and serve as a liaison between the students of the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk Campus and the NSU SGA; and

**WHEREAS,** the minimum number of students who must serve on the Northwestern State University Leesville/Fort Polk Campus Council is currently set at 5; and

**WHEREAS,** this number is the same as the Northwestern State University CENLA Campus Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the enrollment of face-to-face students on the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk Campus is much less than that of the NSU CENLA Campus; and

**WHEREAS,** the NSU SGA wishes to provide a structure of operating that is the best fit for each campus; and

**WHEREAS,** the coordinator of the NSU Leesville/Fort Polk Campus has requested that the minimum number of students who must serve on the Northwestern State University Leesville/Fort Polk Campus Council be lowered from 5 to three;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that that the Northwestern State University Leesville/Fort Polk Campus Council guidelines be amended as follows:

***NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY***

***LEESVILLE/FORT POLK CAMPUS COUNCIL***

***SECTION 3- MEMBERS***

*A. The Northwestern State University Leesville/Fort Polk Campus Council shall be comprised of at least 3 students who are registered for the majority of their coursework on the Northwestern State University Leesville/Fort Polk Campus and have and maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative and previous semester grade point average.*

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